

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5 and 8 as follows.

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1. (Twice Amended) A three piece solid golf ball comprising:
a center core, an intermediate layer, and a cover enclosing the core
through the intermediate layer;
said center core having a diameter of at least 29 mm (1.1417 inches) and
a specific gravity of less than 1.4;
said intermediate layer formed of an ionomer resin base composition and
having a thickness of at least 1 mm (0.03937 inches), a specific gravity of less than 1.2,
and a hardness of at least 85 on JIS C (Shore C) scale, the specific gravity of said
intermediate layer being lower than the specific gravity of said center core; and said
cover having a thickness of 1 to 3 mm (0.03937 to 0.1182 inches) and being softer than
said intermediate layer. *1246* *Claim 1*

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Sub C2
3. (Once Amended) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein said center core has
a hardness of 45 to 80 on JIS C (Shore C) scale and said cover has a hardness of 50
to 85 on JIS C (Shore C) scale. *Claim 3* *1246* *(w/o Shore C)*

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Claim 4 (246 Claim 4)

5. (Once Amended) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the diameter of said
center core is in the range of 29-37 mm (1.1417 to 1.4567 inches). *Claim 5 of 1246*

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Claim 6+7 identical to 1246

Sub C3
8. (Once Amended) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the hardness of said
intermediate layer is in the range of 85-100 on JIS C (Shore C) scale. *Identical to 246*

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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please cancel the present Abstract and replace it with:

-- Disclosed herein is a multi-layer golf ball utilizing a particular arrangement of
materials having certain dimensions, specific gravities, and hardnesses. In one
aspect of the present invention, the golf ball has a center core, an intermediate layer,
and a cover layer. The center core has a diameter of at least 29 mm (1.1417 inches)

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